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"What Do We Live For, If It Is Not To Make Life Less Difficult For Each Other?"----George Eliot

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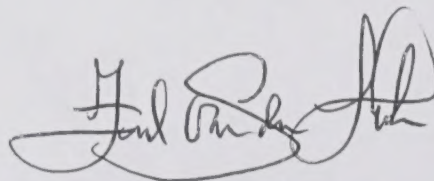
PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

As we approach winter and the December Holiday Season, I want to extend my personal as well as our Board of Director's very best wishes for the Holidays and a Happy and prosperous New Year for you and yours. This is often the time that many families and friends gather to celebrate these very special annual occasions. So as well, there are also quite a few Numismatic Organizations, which have annual Holiday events planned. Perhaps the very best known of these in Northern California, is the Annual Fairfield Coin Club-Vallejo Numismatic Society Christmas Party. These initially started and continued for many years at the Fairfield Budweiser Brewery, and more recently has moved to the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum in Vallejo. Often, this event draws well over 100 attendees from the sponsoring Clubs as well as other area Coin Clubs. This year is the 27th Annual Event and Mike Browne will be the Master of Ceremonies. Quite a few well known numismatists have come to previous events as Master of Ceremonies: Clifford Mishler and Walter Ostromecki among others. The Party includes a dinner, many presentations and awards to attendees, party bags and door prizes along with a major raffle with prizes generally valued at \$1500 or more. I have attended quite a few of these and enjoyed each one.

Included with this and all issues of "Heads and Tails", is the updated N.C.N.A. Coin Show listing. This is provided as a service to our members. If your Coin Club has a Coin Show, please contact me as soon as possible to be included in our listing. At a time when commercial coin shows are expanding in California, especially Northern California, such cooperation is critical and more important than ever before. Local Coin Clubs, along with State and national numismatic organizations often depend on income from their Annual Coin Shows for a majority of their operating budgets. Additionally, youth programs, coin hobby promotion events, journals and Club bulletins and educational programs to support our coin collecting hobby are often all dependant on funds generated by Coin Show activities.

I would like to again remind members that the N.C.N.A. Board of Directors has established the "Gordon Russell Donnell Award". This award will consist of a bronze medal with an image of Gordon on the obverse and a blank reverse, suitable for engraving the award recipient name. These medals are now available for distribution based on request by member Clubs. This award is somewhat unique for the N.C.N.A., as it will be offered to N.C.N.A. member Coin Clubs (Max. 2 per year), to recognize "their" Club members who hopefully share the enthusiasm, ideals and numismatic spirit as exemplified by the late Gordon R. Donnell. For the first inaugural year, the Board has decided to supply requested medals at no charge. Thereafter, likely a charge based on our costs, but this is still under consideration. This may be a very attractive way to recognize Coin Club members who have made significant contributions to the benefit of member Clubs or to our hobby in general.

I can be contacted via e mail: fredvdh@gmail.com , or by writing to P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306-0484. Phone number: 650-380-4181



Fred G. van den Haak
December 2013

MINTMASTER's QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

"I don't think they had more than a couple of sentences between them that involved coins; but, that wasn't the tie that bound them. It was the friendship found in a coin club, and becoming involved in each other's family that wasn't there."

The above was taken from an e-mail sent to me in response to my NUMISMATIC NEWS, January 14, 2014 'View Point', 'Hobby Must Fill The Empty Chair', page 7 and 12.

I wrote and was inspired to write that 'View Point' reflecting upon the passing of several local coin club celebrants in 2013 (and only to learn of two just as my thoughts were being composed and as written), stating "they are far from the pantheon of power and prestige that leads our hobby."

As my 'View Point' reiterated, our hobby is one of people. Akin to the contemporary social medias, FaceBook, Twitter, smart phones, and so on, the local coin club and our hobby----*'this most universal of hobbies'*----is an incubator for friendships. My own experience confirms this truism.

Our hobby is much more than latest electronic United States Mint offering or a COIN WORLD headline of a major previously unknown variety of the 1890 Carson City Double Eagle or a NUMISMATIC NEWS feature story about a prominent collection claims millions or the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) NUMISMATIST color and hype of the next convention city. No, it is the people, many people, across our continent----*and even over the vast water oceans in other nations*----that regularly attend, and participate, at the 'grass roots', the local coin club.

Sometime ago, I noted that the primary introduction to our hobby remains, and has remained, the local coin club. This is true.

And now, after my over forty years with organized numismatics, it confirmed that the primary and most enduring asset for our hobby has never been the financial investment or reward; rather, it is the fellowship and friendship. This is true.

Our President, with a pause in his voice and sincerity, will easily reminisce that he and the legendary and late 'Ron' Miller talked more about family and children than the coins they loved, just like the above recollection. Once a month or so, my dear friend and fellow sojourner in organized numismatics, the respected Canadian coin celebrant, Paul R. Johnson telephones. We talk more about the weather, politics, his next vacation, or my next day 'at the beach' than we conversed about needed Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (RCNA) business. No different than the above.

Yes, the individual quoted was absolutely right: "it was the friendship found in a coin club." No truer words have been written and verify the great and enduring asset of our hobby, 'this hobby of kings and king of hobbies': Fellowship and Friendship.

Remember: Have Fun With Your Hobby. Always Serve Others! Enjoy Your Collecting! And, Create Hope and Do Good!

Plus, Make Coins Make Friends!

GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA Happenings

Board Meeting

President FRED G. van den HAAK is anticipating that a Board Meeting, hopefully with enough Executive Officers and Club Delegates present, be held on **Sunday, February 16, 2014, during the Cupertino (California) Coin Club's Show in San Jose, California**. This Show is one of the two well-known San Francisco Bay 'South Bay' local coin club shows held at the established Napredak Hall, at 770 Montague Expressway, in San Jose, California. **The time would be 11:00 AM, and the assemblage area would be the combination 'information/youth/American Numismatic Association table' staffed by Your Editor.**

If you have an issue or concern, constructive, please, contact President van den HAAK at fredvdh@gmail.com.

2014 Dues

Attached with this NCNA HEADS AND TALES is the 2014 Dues Notice. Prompt and positive remittance would be appreciated. Dues remain \$5.00, for Individuals, and \$10.00, for Clubs. Several Individual and Club Members renewed for several years in advance in 2013. Mail dues to **'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'**. Regretfully, our Association no longer issues Membership Cards.

2014 Miller Medal

This is the official announcement for written nominations for the coveted **'Ronald Lee Memorial Award'**, the esteemed **'Miller Medal'** to be considered in 2014. **The deadline is June 30, 2014**, which is strictly and soundly adhered. Written nominations with supportive documentation may be mailed to **'PO Box 60484, Palo Alto, California, 94306-0484'**.

Please Note: The current Board of Directors and Executive Officers, in response to inquiries and observations, is committed to adhering to both 'the letter of the law' and 'the spirit of the law' with the criteria. To this end, the governing Policy, as adopted back in 1994 and still enforce, is included with this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue. Also, the latest roster of recipients is included, too.

Donnell Awards

After one year, the **'Donnell Award'** has begun to be recognized and respected, and several Club Members of our Association have responded, and two requests for year 2014 have been received.

To clarify, the **'Donnell Award'** is the decision of the local coin club; however, in the 'spirit of the law', the concept and intention are those who commit, involve, and serve behind any normal measure and are, hopefully, also committed, involved, and serving beyond their respective local coin club(s).

Requests, with supportive documentation with legible full spelling of the honoree's name, may be mailed to **'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'**.

Please Note: There may be imposed this year a nominal charge for the engraving and handling, possibly \$10.00 per requested prepared and engraved medal.

Future Show

Needless to say, it has been a few years since our Association last held and sponsored one of its 'Nor-Cal Shows'. Since then a commercial promoter has taken the nomenclature 'Nor-Cal' and since then two new commercial show promoters are taking dates and venues, crowding out the availability.

President van den HAAK is aware and quite concerned with these disruptive developments, which have restricted our Association to maybe just a one-day show, date and venue unknown.

Once our Shows and Conventions were the initial gathering on the annual national show circuit, commanding the presence of some of the biggest national coin dealers and names, sadly, times and the aforementioned have ended that prominence. However, President van den HAAK remains pledged to scheduling and holding a one-day show sometime in 2015.

Educational Seminar

In response to inquiries and in the need to maintain a concrete presence with northern California organized numismatics, our Association shall hold its First Annual California Numismatic Seminar on Saturday, November 29, 2014 in Vallejo, California:

First Annual
CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC SEMINAR
Saturday, November 29, 2014
Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum
734 Marin, at Capital, in downtown Vallejo, California
Door Opens 9:00 PM

Theme: *'Great Collectors and Grand Collections'*

Four Presenters----Free Admission----Door Prizes

As this issue is being prepared, one speaker has been confirmed and invitations have been sent to others. The next NCNA HEADS AND TALES (May *or* Summer 2014) would have the specifics.

To assist with the funding for this first-ever venture, a 'Patron Program' might be established as follows:

'Patron'

<u>Gold Miner</u>	\$100.00	Name In Program Letter Acknowledgment Certificate Name Posted At Seminar Two Engraved 'Token of Esteems'
<u>Prospector</u>	\$50.00	Name In Program Letter Acknowledgment Certificate Name Posted At Seminar

To participate, contact Your Editor at EMPERORI@juno.com.

RON MILLER MEMORIAL AWARD

'The Miller Medal'

Northern California Numismatic Association

YEAR	RECIPIENT	DATE	SITE OF PRESENTATION	NCNA PRESIDENT
1995	MICHAEL S. TURRINI	5-May-96	24th Vallejo Coin Show, Vallejo	Fred G. van den Haak
1996	GORDON R. DONNELL *	14-Dec-96	FCC/VNS 10th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Fred G. van den Haak
1997	JAN D. HENKE	13-Dec-97	FCC/VNS 11th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Gordon R. Donnell
1997	O.L. WALLIS *	13-Dec-97	FCC/VNS 11th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Gordon R. Donnell
1998	EDWARD SINS	26-Sep-98	SJCC October 14, 1998 Meeting, San Jose	Gordon R. Donnell
1998	MICHAEL M. STANLEY	26-Sep-98	RECC/VNS 'Commen Night', Amercian Canyon	Gordon R. Donnell
1999	EDGAR D. FULWIDER	3-Aug-99	LNS August 3, 1999 Meeting, Millbrae	Michael M. Stanley
1999	LEE H. GONG	13-Aug-99	ANA CONECA Banquet, Chicago	Michael M. Stanley
2000	<i>None Presented</i>			
2001	DR. WALTER A. OSTROMECKI, JR.	28-Jul-01	4th Annual Nor-Cal Show Banquet, Concord	Michael M. Stanley
2002	ALVIN H.W. LO	14-Dec-02	FCC/VNS 16th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Michael M. Stanley
2003	FRED G. van den HAAK	13-Dec-03	FCC/VNS 17th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Michael M. Stanley
2004	KENNETH J. BARR	4-Dec-04	Nor-Cal V Show Dinner, Fremont	Michael M. Stanley
2004	VINCENT O. LACARIERE	4-Dec-04	Nor-Cal V Show Dinner, Fremont	Michael M. Stanley
2005	<i>None Presented</i>			
2006	DENIS N. HOOKER *	13-Jan-07	San Jose, California by <i>Edward Sins</i>	Harry W. Davis
2007	MARK Wm. CLARK	28-Mar-08	SFCC March 28, 2008 Meeting, San Francisco	Harry W. Davis
2008	BRIITA M. EHLERS	9-Dec-08	FCC December 9, 2008 Meeting, Fremont	Harry W. Davis
2008	DONALD S. EHLERS	9-Dec-08	FCC December 9, 2008 Meeting, Fremont	Harry W. Davis
2009	SYDNEY M. KASS	5-Dec-09	FCC/VNS 23rd Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Harry W. Davis
2009	JAMES H. LAIRD	5-Dec-09	FCC/VNS 23rd Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Harry W. Davis
2010	HARRY W. DAVIS	4-Dec-10	FCC/VNS 24th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Harry W. Davis
2010	IRENE CARRILLO	4-Dec-10	FCC/VNS 24th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Harry W. Davis
2011	<i>None Presented</i>			
2012	<i>None Presented</i>			
2013	<i>None Presented</i>			
<p><i>Note:</i> 'The Miller Medal' is presented and awarded by and from the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA), with a maximum of two (2) per calendar year. It is named for the late Ronald Lee Miller (1944--1993), and it is NCNA's highest and most esteemed honor. The award is an engraved silver medal with a portrait of the late 'Ron' Miller plus a small walnut wall plaque. Nominations are called for each January with the selection by the NCNA's Board of Directors.</p>				
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THE 'RON MILLER MEMORIAL AWARD' CHARTER

Adopted January 24, 1994

Article I--Rationale

Whereas the late Ronald Lee Miller (1944-1993) was among the most respected and esteemed persons in northern California numismatics, whereas his service and support to the hobby were exemplary and significant by any judge and measure, and whereas it is fitting and proper for this Association, for itself and for the hobby in California, to honor and to memorialize a man of his character and career, therefore, the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA), by this Charter, hereby creates and endows the perpetual recognition named 'The Ron Miller Memorial Award' and subtitled, in short, 'The Miller Medal'.

Article II--Award

1. Shall be a one ounce .999 fine silver medal whose obverse shall be a portrait of the late Ronald Lee Miller and the words in circumference 'Ronald Lee Miller' and the years '1944-1993' and whose reverse shall have an adequate cartouche for engraving and the words 'Northern California Numismatic Association'. These Medals shall have plain edges, not be serial numbered, and be antique in finish.
2. Recipients of The Miller Medal shall be listed and published as a 'Miller Medal Recipient'.
3. The cartouche shall be engraved with the recipient's proper name and full date of presentation.
4. Each Recipient shall also be presented a suitable engraved plaque attesting to his or her Award. All plaques, and also all Medals, shall be standardized as to the engraving, layout, and design.
5. The number of Miller Medals bestowed in any given calendar year shall be fixed to a maximum of two (2), and the Association shall not be obligated nor bound to bestow two, one, or any nor to do so annually, each year, only if the nominations warrant selection.

Article III--Eligibility and Criteria

1. Any active coin hobbyist residing within California at least five (5) full years prior with a verified record of service and support--significant and substantial involvement and interest--in numismatics may be nominated.
2. Membership in the Association shall not be a necessary requirement nor restriction; however, in the selection of recipients, those current Association members nominated may have preference over non-members or past members.
3. The Miller Medal shall be bestowed upon only individuals including husband and wife acting together, but not organizations nor groups.
4. No posthumous nominations shall be submitted nor considered.
5. The criteria shall be: superior, sustained, and significant support and service to numismatics and its coin hobby and/or devotion and dedication, consistent and meritorious, to numismatic organizations.

Article IV--Procedure

1. Each January the Association's President, via the Association's periodical, shall call for nominations, and such announcement shall also summarize the background and criteria for this Award.
2. All nominations shall be in writing, submitted from only the Association's Individual or Club Members, by a deadline date, but no later than June 30th.
3. No anonymous nominations shall be accepted, and all nominations shall denote the nominee and must provide detailed evidence and reasons for the nomination.
4. No one can nominate him or herself, and no current Association Executive Officer shall nominate anyone.
5. If a Executive Officer or Director has been nominated, he or she shall not vote in any selection, but may participate in the dicussion and debate.
6. The Association's Board of Directors shall review the submitted written nominations and, after discussion and debate, shall by two-thirds affirmative vote select the 'Miller Medal Recipient(s)'.
7. The President shall inform the selected Miller Medal Recipient(s) and be responsible for the presentation of this Award as mutually convenient, and the Association, via its periodical plus News Releases, shall report same to the numismatic hobby.
8. Anyone may be nominated any number of times, but no one shall ever be honored more than once, although the Association may bestow other recognitions.

Article V--Provisions

1. This 'Ron Miller Memorial Award' and its 'Miller Medal' shall be perpetual.
2. This Award and the first 'Miller Medal Recipients', if nominated and selected as required by this Charter, shall commence in 1995 and annually thereafter.
3. No person for whatever reason shall ever be bestowed this Award and its Medal more than once.
4. The Association's Board of Directors shall enjoy absolute and final authority and supervision of this Award.
5. The Association shall exercise any and all powers to protect and to maintain the integrity, uniqueness, and quality of this Award and its Medal.
6. The Medal shall never be offered for sale nor issued for any other reason or purpose by this Association other than this Award or as stipulated in this Charter.
7. Medals engraved 'Specimen Medal' shall be retained for the Association's History, and like other 'Specimen Medal(s)', for display or exhibit, may be authorized.
8. The Association for posterity shall maintain a permanent and complete record of this Award, its Medal, and the honored 'Miller Medal Recipients' and shall request the same of the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA).
9. A quorum for motions and votes concerning this Award shall be as declared in the Association's By-Laws.
10. This Charter, as adopted and amended, is declared and interpreted as Policy of the Association, and the Association's By-Laws shall govern.

COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

These coin Club show listings are provided as a free service to the numismatic community by the Northern California Numismatic Association. Show listings are updated quarterly and are available without cost to member Coin Clubs. If you would like to have a show listed, please send all pertinent show information early to: N.C.N.A., Fred G. van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306-0484. You may also e mail the information to: fredvdh@gmail.com

The joint website for the Fairfield Coin Club, Solano Silver Round Club, Vallejo Numismatic Society and Northern California Numismatic Association is: www.solanocoinclub.com

- Jan. 24-6, 2014 **SAN JOSE.** San Jose 46th Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Show, Double Tree Hotel, Bayshore Ballroom, 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose, CA 95110. Bourse: Ray Johnson, P. O. Box 10416 San Jose, CA. 95157-1416, Phone: 408-598-7772 sanjosecoins@aol.com. Website: www.sanjosecoinclub.org **Admission \$3/\$1 off with any advertising.**
- Feb. 14-15
2014 **SANTA ROSA.** Redwood Empire Coin Club 46th Annual Show, E.L. Finley Hall, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa. Bourse: Merle Avila (707) 585-3711 or (707) 824-4811 eves. **Admission \$1, under 12 free.**
- Feb. 16, 2014 **SAN JOSE.** "Cupertino" Coin Club 42nd Annual Coin Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Bruce Braga (408) 839-1883 or Cupertino Coin Club, P.O. Box 448, Cupertino, CA 95015-0448. Free Parking. **Admission: \$2 adults, youth 17 & under free.**
- Mar. 9, 2014 **LIVERMORE.** Livermore Valley Coin Club 51st Annual Coin Show, Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore. Bourse: Steve Kramer, P.O. Box 610, Livermore, Ca. 94551. Phone (925) 422-3794.
- MAR. 23-4, 2014 **SACRAMENTO.** "2014" Wests Token Jamboree, Western Token Society, Clarion Hotel, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento. Bourse/Information: Merle Avila (707) 585-3711 or (707) 824-4811 eves.
- May 2-3, 2014 **SACRAMENTO** Sacramento Valley Coin Club Annual Spring Coin Show. Four Points by Sheraton, 4900 Duckhorn Drive, Sacramento 95834. Hours 10AM-6PM on Friday the 2nd and 10AM to 4PM on Saturday the 3rd. Bourse: Robert Shanks, 10 Fox Oak Court, Sacramento, CA 95831. Phone: 916-204-5168. Ample Free parking. **Admission \$3, Under 18 FREE.**
- May 4, 2014 **VALLEJO.** Vallejo Numismatic Society 42nd Annual Show, Veteran's Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo. (off Redwood Parkway and turn south on Admiral Callaghan) Bourse: Edwin Hoffmark, PO Box 4281, Vallejo, Ca. 94590 Phone: 707-642-8754. Information: Michael S. Turrini, P.O. Box 4104, Vallejo, Ca. 94590-0410. Phone: 707-246-6327, e mail: EMPERORI@juno.com.

- July 12-13, 2014 **VALLEJO**. California State Numismatic Association (C.S.N.A.) 132nd Convention and Coin Show, Hours: Saturday 9 AM-5 PM, Sunday 9 AM-4 PM. Veteran's Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo. (off Redwood Parkway and turn south on Admiral Callahan). Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, CA 94306-0484. (650) 380-4181 E Mail: fredvdh@gmail.com Updates: www.calcoin.org.
- July 26-7, 2014 **FREMONT**. Fremont Coin Club 42st Annual Show, Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, Ca. Information: (510) 792-1511; Bourse: Vince Lacariere, P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, Ca. 94538
- Aug. 10, 2014 **FAIRFIELD**. Fairfield Coin Club 25th Annual Coin Show, Willow Room, Fairfield Community Center (downtown), 1000 East Kentucky off Pennsylvania. **Admission \$1** Bourse Coordinator: Robert Belleau (707) 567-6938, P.O.Box 944, Fairfield, CA 94533-0094
- Sept. 14, 2014 **LIVERMORE**. Livermore Valley Coin Club 4th Fall Coin Show, Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore. Bourse: Steve Kramer, P.O. Box 610, Livermore, Ca. 94551. Phone (925) 422-3794.
- Oct. 3-4, 2014 **SACRAMENTO** Sacramento Valley Coin Club Annual Fall Coin Show. Four Points by Sheraton, 4900 Duckhorn Drive, Sacramento 95834. Hours 10AM-6PM on Friday the 23rd and 10AM to 4PM on Saturday the 4th. Bourse: Robert Shanks, 10 Fox Oak Court, Sacramento, CA 95831. Phone: 916-204-5168. Ample Free parking. **Admission \$3, Under 18 FREE.**
- Oct. 18-19, 2014 **STOCKTON**. Delta Coin Club 50th Annual Coin Show, Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton. Bourse: Ruben Smith III, P.O. Box 5787, Stockton, CA. 95205. Phone (209) 982-5961, E Mail: rubensmith@hotmail.com.
- Nov. 2, 2014 **SAN JOSE**. Peninsula Coin Club 35th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Phone: (650) 380-4181 E Mail: fredvdh@gmail.com
- Feb. 15, 2015 **SAN JOSE**. "Cupertino" Coin Club 43rd Annual Coin Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Bruce Braga (408) 839-1883 or Cupertino Coin Club, P.O. Box 448, Cupertino, CA 95015-0448. Free Parking. **Admission: \$2 adults**, youth 17 and under free.